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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION: PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE

1. IN COURSE OF TOUR D'HORIZON JULY 6 WITH AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE, VEST RAISED CURRENT ISSUE RELATING TO PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE, EMPHASIZING U.S. EFFORTS TO OBTAIN QUICKLY A COMPROMISE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES. VEST SUMMARIZED, U.S. PROPOSAL CONVEYED TO GOF JULY 5, NOTING U.S. WOULD DROP PART 213 ACTION ENTIRELY IF FRENCH WOULD NOT PUSH ARBITRATION ON 213; THAT FRANCE AND U.S. WOULD SPLIT DIFFERENCE OF LENGTH OF ARBITRATION PERIOD (BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15 AND BEGINNING JANUARY); AND THAT IN MEANTIME PAN AM WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO FLY CHANGE OF GAUGE FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO PARIS DURING ONE-HALF OF TOTAL ARBITRATION PERIOD.

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2. VEST EMPHASIZED THAT DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER HIMSELF HAD CONVENED A GROUP, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEGAL ADVISER'S OFFICE, FROM EB AND MR. VEST HIMSELF, EARLY IN THE WEEK IN EFFORT TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. CHRISTOPHER, WHO VEST STRESSED WAS ACTING AT SPECIFIC REQUEST OF SECRETARY VANCE IN AFTERMATH OF SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH DE GUIRINGAUD, FELT TIME WAS OF THE

ESSENCE AND IN FACT HIMSELF PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN FORMULATING
THE COMPROMISE PROPOSAL MADE TO THE FRENCH. VANCE

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